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Following are actions the Army has taken to remove/lower approval thresholds, or to otherwise **"power down"** authority to the lowest level possible. These initiatives are contained in the Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) effective 1 June 1996. The AFARS cite is behind each entry.

- The Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) can approve individual deviations to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), and AFARS. (AFARS 1.403)
- Business clearance procedures no longer mandated -- may now be established by the Head of Contracting Activity (HCA). (AFARS 1.602-1)
- Legal reviews no longer dictated by dollar thresholds. HCA establishes procedures. (AFARS 1.602)
- Dollar thresholds for authority to approve ratifications have been raised. (AFARS 1.602-3)
- Justification and Approval (J&A) format only mandatory at \$50 million and above. (AFARS 6.303-2-90)
- HCAs can now appoint Special Competition Advocates and their alternates. (AFARS 6-501)
- DASA(P) granted authority to HCAs to exempt alternate source contractor from essential performance warranty requirements until first ten percent anticipated total production quantity is manufactured for all items and the PEO grants exemption for PEO managed items. (AFARS 46.770-5)
- PARCs can approve use of "Four-Step" source selection procedures. (AFARS 15.613-70)
- PARCs are authorized to approve performance-based payments. (AFARS 32.1006)
- PARCs can approve the use of options that extend contracts beyond the five-year regulatory limit. (AFARS 17.204)
- The Agency Senior Procurement Executive can now waive cost accounting standards. (AFARS 30.201-5)

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